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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

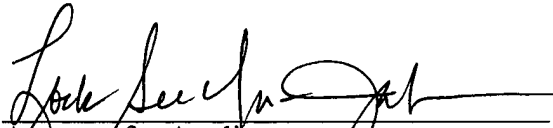
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

An explanation of relevance for the cited Japanese publication is given in the English abstract attached to the enclosed copy of that publication. Note that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0063891 is in the same patent family as the Japanese publication. No copy of the listed U.S. Patent Application Publication is enclosed, in accordance with current U.S. patent practice.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that the documents have been considered and made of record in the application.

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